COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ADEQUATE MEANS FOR DELIVERY OF GAS IS AVAILABLE FOR BURKESVILLE GAS, INC.

CASE NO. 90-290

ORDER

This case was reopened on July 3, 1991 to investigate whether Burkesville Gas, Inc.'s ("Burkesville Gas") access to its gas supply was in jeopardy due to actions threatened by Bill Nickens, the owner of a pipeline through which Burkesville Gas has its gas transported for delivery to its city gate. The issues in this case upon reopening are still under review; however, on April 3, 1992, Centran Corporation ("Centran") filed a request for intervention (attached as an Appendix) in this proceeding and made new allegations regarding the reliability of the gas supply to Burkesville Gas.

On April 8, 1992, the Commission granted Centran's motion for intervention. Centran's allegations are: Centran has not supplied gas to Burkesville Gas since September 1991 and that Burkesville Gas owes Centran \$16,708.04 for previous gas purchases; an imbalance of gas deliveries in the amount of 18,295 dekatherms exists on the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation ("Texas Eastern") pipeline system due to deliveries made to Burkesville Gas during the months of October 1991 through March

1992; and that Burkesville Gas no longer has a gas supply agreement with Centran or Texas Eastern.

Based upon information previously submitted in this record, Centran has been the only historical supplier of gas to Burkesville Gas (or Ken-Gas of Kentucky, Inc., the entity which previously operated the gas system in Burkesville). While Burkesville Gas has stated that local sources of gas are available, it is the Commission's understanding that delivery from these local sources must be transported through Mr. Nickens' pipeline. Access to Mr. Nickens' pipeline is the principal issue which initially opened this case.

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that Burkesville Gas shall appear before the Commission represented by counsel on June 16, 1992 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, to demonstrate that it has a reliable supply of gas for its customers and to respond to Centran's allegation.

The Commission FURTHER ORDERS that no later than June 11, 1992 Burkesville Gas shall file with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record, a response to Centran's allegations and copies of all signed and currently effective gas supply contracts it has.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of May, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director, Acting

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April 1, 1992

PUBLIC ICE

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RE: Case No. 90-290

Burkesville Gas Company

Dear Mr. MacCracken:

Centran Corporation ("Centran") wishes the opportunity to intervene in the above referenced case before the Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission because of our interest in the reliability of natural gas supply to Burkesville Gas Company, Inc. ("Burkesville Gas").

The basis for this request for intervention is as follows:

- 1) Centran has not supplied natural gas to Burkesville Gas since September, 1991. Centran ceased its delivery of natural gas to Burkesville Gas due to non-payment of invoices for the months of June, 1991 through September, 1991, totaling \$16,708.04. These invoices remain unpaid.
- 2) Centran understands that natural gas volumes delivered by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation ("Texas Eastern") for the months of October, 1991 through March, 1992 exist as an imbalance on the Texas Eastern system totaling 18,295 dekatherms. It is Centran's understanding that Texas Eastern has not invoiced or received payment from Burkesville Gas for these volumes. Texas Eastern has contacted Centran in order to obtain our assistance in resolving this issue.
- 3) Burkesville Gas does not currently have a natural gas supply agreement with Centran, nor do we believe that such an agreement is in place with Texas Eastern.

Finally, Centran believes that Burkesville Gas has not disclosed any of the forgoing to the Commission, and Centran does not wish to be party to any miscommunications or misunderstandings, intentionally or otherwise.

(502) 584-4992 Fax: (502) 584-9073 We will be glad to respond to any comments or questions and look forward to the Commission's assistance on this matter.

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Sincerely,

Andrew R. Fellon

Vice President, National Accounts Natural Gas Division

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